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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON MEXICO'S SUGGESTED POINTS FOR A DOCUMENT TO
BE DRAWN UP BY CONFERENCE OF TLATELOLCO--TABLED IN EXPERTS
GROUP

REF: MEXICO 1289

1. MEXICANS HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO POINT OUT THAT WHAT THEY
HAVE TABLED IS ONLY A COMPILATION OF POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION.
NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE DISTURBED BY CONFRONTATIONAL, ONE-SIDED
NATURE OF THESE POINTS, AS ARE OTHERS. ARGENTINE REPRESENTATIVE,
WHO IS PRESIDING OVER WORKING GROUP HAS JUST TOLD AMBASSADOR THE
MEXICAN PAPER "FRIGHTENS" HIM. AMBASSADOR WILL BE LUNCHING WITH
HIM TOMORROW TO DISCUSS FURTHER AND HAS ASKED THAT U.S. BE
INCLUDED ON WORKING GROUP ON DRAFT DECLARATION AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

2. OUR FURTHER INITIAL REACTIONS TO SUBJECT DOCUMENT ARE THAT:

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A) MUCH OF IT IS A TRADITIONAL WE-THEY, ACCUSATORY,

DOCUMENT, CONCENTRATED EXCLUSIVELY ON ECONOMIC ISSUES. IT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE BROADER OVER-RIDING, COMMONLY-HELD PRINCIPLES, INTERESTS AND ASPIRATIONS. IT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE FACT THAT US IS NOT THE ONLY ASSISTANCE PROVIDER OF THE PRESENT OR THE FUTURE IN THE REGION, AND THAT PRINCIPLES REGARDING ASSISTANCE PROVISION SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PROVIDERS. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE A SENSE OF THE NEED FOR RECIPROCITY ON ISSUES THAT CROSS WE-THEY LINES, SUCH AS ACCESS TO SCARCE PRODUCTS.

B) IT DOES NOT PUT REGIONAL ISSUES INTO WORLD PERSPECTIVE.

C) IT INCLUDES MUCH DETAIL THAT IS ONLY APPROPRIATE FOR TECHNICAL GROUPS.

D) THERE ARE, HOWEVER, SOME PARTS OF IT THAT ARE POSITIVE IN TONE AND COULD BE USED.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD SEEK INSTEAD A BRIEF DOCUMENT, WHICH WOULD:

A) REAFFIRM GENERALLY ACCEPTED PRINCIPLES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.

B) STATE CERTAIN UNDERSTANDINGS ON THE BASIS FOR COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF A STRENGTHENED SENSE OF SOLIDARITY OR COMMUNITY WITHIN THE REGION.

C) INCLUDE BRIEF SUBSTANTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS, AND CALL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUPS WHEN APPROPRIATE.

D) EXPRESS INTENTION OF FOREIGN MINISTERS TO MEET ANNUALLY TO CONTINUE DIALOGUES.

4. WE PLAN EXPRESS ABOVE VIEWS INFORMALLY TO MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUP UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.
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5. FURTHER QUESTION IS WHETHER WE SHOULD TABLE COUNTER-DRAFT AT THIS POINT. OUR OWN VIEW IS THAT THIS MIGHT BETTER COME LATER IN PROCESS.
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